

NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

COR-0662

4 November 1959



MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH : Acting Chief, DPD *w.b.*

SUBJECT : ARPA Use of DISCOVERER Shot for Atomic Test Payload

The attached exchange of letters with Dr. Golovin is self-explanatory.

SIGNED

Chief, Development Branch  
DPD-DD/P

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COR - 0657

2 November 1959



MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Transport of [redacted] Ignitors to the West Coast  
on 31 October 1959

1. On Wednesday, 28 October, I called [redacted] of GE to inquire whether transportation would be needed by us to carry rockets or their ignitors out to the West Coast for the upcoming CORONA shot. At that time [redacted] had no need for assistance but on Friday morning, the 30th, he called back to say that he would need help. Accordingly, Operations got in touch with Colonel Geary who arranged for the availability of a T-33 which [redacted] was to fly out on Saturday carrying some 40 lbs. of ignitors manufactured by [redacted] About five o'clock on Friday [redacted] called to say that BMD had found another T-33 and that our assistance was not needed. After discussing the question with [redacted] we decided that the Air Force had gone to such lengths to obtain the airplane for our use that it would not be wise to cancel out and accordingly, the plan was confirmed that [redacted] would fly out the next day. This was fortunate because [redacted] then called again to say that some of the ignitors had to be taken to Boston and that the BMD plane could be used for this purpose.

2. On Saturday the weather closed in. I received a call at home at two o'clock from [redacted] saying that he could not get out until Sunday. I came into the office and called the West Coast to find that a Monday delivery would be too late. [redacted] joined me and it was agreed that the C-54 was necessary. I then checked with [redacted] and Plummer in Philadelphia and Palo Alto respectively and with Colonel Battle in Los Angeles. All agreed that the trip was necessary. It was on this basis that the 54 was sent.

DB/DPD-DD/P: [redacted]

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